PIERCE COUNTY
invites applications for the position of:

Story Maps GIS Intern

SALARY: $13.50 Hourly

OPENING DATE: March 27, 2017

CLOSING DATE: May 5, 2017

DESCRIPTION:

PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

OUR VISION:
To be a leader in creating livable communities by providing opportunities for people to:

- Connect with nature
- Live active, healthy lifestyles
- Share vibrant community spaces
- Learn about sustainable practices

Pierce County Parks manages over 5,000 acres of open space, trails, developed and undeveloped parks. We provide recreational programs and infrastructure in active and passive parks and along trails. The department consists of four divisions: Recreation, Maintenance, Administration and Resource Stewardship. This internship position is within the Resource Stewardship division which is responsible for six program areas: Planning and policy work; capital projects and programming; real estate; grant writing and distribution; and, stewardship of natural areas.

This internship position is an excellent opportunity for a student who is interested in putting GIS knowledge and skills to work while learning about parks and public outreach. The GIS Intern will work closely with a GIS specialist to learn the basics of Story Maps and work on inputting data for the park system. The work will include designing the Story Map site, taking pictures and videos at parks and writing short interesting pieces regarding history or activities at the park site. Work may also include database updates, field survey using a Trimble GPS, and creating maps and supporting project figures. While the position will be focused on the Story Maps project, the intern will also have opportunity to gain knowledge in planning, coordinating, and administering activities in various components of the division such as public outreach, planning and survey work. There will be plenty of opportunities for site visits and field work. In addition, the student will learn the day-to-day operations of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The position does not have benefits.

Learn more about the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department

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POSITION SUMMARY:
Under the direction of senior staff the Parks GIS Intern will generally:

- Assist with department story telling, web presence and messaging
- Compile Story Maps for several large, well known park and trail sites
- Assist the Natural Land Steward with GPS data collection and mapping
- Assist the Senior Planner and Real Estate Coordinator with database updates, mapping projects or supporting figures for various communications and reports; field work to determine property boundaries using the Trimble GPS.

This announcement is not intended to reflect all duties to be performed by our next team member, but presents an overview of the range of duties that may be performed.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Required Qualifications:
- Current college student minimum junior or senior standing with major coursework in forestry, resource management, restoration, conservation biology, ecology, geography, planning or related field
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to write in a clear, concise manner
- Ability to work in the field in various weather conditions
- Keen eye and understanding of public messaging to ‘market’ parks and trails
- Ability to work with the public in a friendly and articulate manner
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint
- Photography and video skills
- ArcGIS knowledge or experience preferred

Preferred Qualifications, Knowledge and Skills
- Knowledge or experience in Story Maps
- Web authoring programs such as JavaScript or HTML

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:
To be considered for this opportunity please:
- Complete and submit an online Pierce County Employment Application by selection "APPLY" above or go to: www.piercecountywa.org/jobs.

OPTIONAL: Submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and Professional References with your online application
- If you do not have internet access, you may visit your local public library or any WorkSource location and use their computers.
- Individuals needing accommodation in the application, testing process or need this job announcement in an alternative format you may call Human Resources at (253) 798-7480, at least two days prior to the need.

This is a competitive selection process. Your application form will be reviewed and evaluated for the quality and quantity of education/experience in the areas listed. Applicants whose qualifications most closely correspond to the County’s needs will be eligible for further consideration. Notification of application status normally occurs 4 to 6 weeks after the closing date. Short notice may be given
to applicants to participate in further selection processes which may include written, oral and performance examinations, and final interviews.

As an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer, Pierce County welcomes a diverse workforce. Pierce County does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, veteran status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a disabled person.

Resource Stewardship Intern Supplemental Questionnaire

* 1. Please describe your college education and major coursework which best qualifies you for this position.

* 2. Please describe your experience with GIS, Story Maps and graphic design.

* 3. What types of software and systems do you use on a regular basis?

   - [ ] Outlook
   - [ ] Word
   - [ ] Excel
   - [ ] PowerPoint
   - [ ] GIS
   - [ ] Microsoft Project
   - [ ] Microsoft Access
   - [ ] Microsoft 365
   - [ ] Global Positioning System (GPS)
   - [ ] None of those listed

* 4. Please describe your experience working with the public.

* 5. Tell us why you are interested in this position and your general career goals.